

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the first, second, and third channel portions are connected at a cross intersection, and the first fluid material is pinched at the cross intersection by the fluid flowed into the first channel portion from the second and third channel portions.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein the first fluid material is flowed electrokinetically.
5. The method of claim 2, further comprising imaging the first fluid material following the constricting step.

#### REMARKS

New claims 2 through 5 are presented in this Preliminary Amendment. It is believed that the new claims are fairly based on the present specification as originally filed; specifically, support for the new claims may be found in Figure 3 and the accompanying text. See, for example, page 12, line 17 et seq.

Entry of the foregoing claims and favorable consideration leading to early allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

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